



Resources to use with I is for Iowa

Great Books to Read Together:

American Library Association Resources for Parents, Teens and Kids
<http://www.ala.org/parents/>

Born to Read: How to Raise a Reader

American Library Association

The joy of sharing books is a gift you can give children from the time they are born. Chanting nursery rhymes, singing songs, and reading stories can comfort and entertain even the youngest child. Parents, child care providers, teachers, and other adults interested in the development of young children have a wealth of good books from which to choose.

Here is a list of some of the best with easy-to-do tips developed by members of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. This information is also available in Spanish.

http://www.ala.org/alsc/raise_a_reader.html

Coretta Scott King Award

The Award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and honors his widow, Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination in continuing the work for peace and world brotherhood.

<http://www.ala.org/srrt/csking/>

The Mildred L. Batchelder Award

This award, established in her honor in 1966, is a citation awarded to an American publisher for a children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those books originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country, and subsequently translated into English and published in the United States.

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/batch.html>

Cool Sites for Kids

Find your favorite author, learn about writing, lots to explore at this site.

http://www.ala.org/alsc/children_links.html

I Am Your Child

Provides families with young children the information and resources they need to promote healthy development and school readiness.

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<http://www.iamyourchild.org/toc.html>



Put Reading First Helping Your Child Learn to Read

A Parent Guide

Preschool Through Grade 3

Success in school starts with reading.

When children become good readers in the early grades, they are more likely to become better learners throughout their school years and beyond.

http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/research/reading_first2.html

The Early Childhood Network in the AEAs The Primary Program: Growing and Learning in the Heartland©2001

<http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/is/ecn/mission.html>

<http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/is/ecn/primary.html>

Iowa Organizations

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

<http://www.culturalaffairs.org/aboutdca.htm>

The State Historical Society of Iowa has a dual mission of preservation and education. As a trustee of Iowa's historical legacy, SHSI identifies, records, collects, preserves, manages, and provides access to Iowa's historical resources.

<http://www.iowahistory.org/>

The Iowa Arts Council offers many services to artists, arts organizations and schools, as well as communities interested in developing cultural offerings to their residents and visitors. Through its various programs and services, the Council aims to empower Iowa's leaders in strengthening community life via the arts; provide leadership in stimulating a healthy arts environment; recognize Iowa's outstanding arts organizations, artists, and arts supporters; and make the arts available to all Iowans.

<http://www.culturalaffairs.org/iac/index.html>